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NAIROBI PLS PASS AMBASSADOR LOUGHAN AND ADMINISTRATOR NORTH

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1. VICE PRESIDENT KULMIYE CALLED IN THE CHARGE MAY 23 AND EXPLAINED THAT ALL DISPLACED PERSONS IN SOMALIA WHO COULD NOT FIND TEMPORARY HOMES WITH RELATIVES HAD BEEN REGROUPED IN FOUR MAJOR CAMPS IN HARGEISA, BELET HUEN, DOLO/LUGH, AND CORIOLE. KULMIYE SAID HE APPRECIATED THE REQUIREMENT FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS TO VISIT THESE CAMPS AND OBSERVE THE CONDITION OF DISPLACED PERSONS AT FIRST HAND. HE SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES OR WHICH HE IS THE CHAIRMAN TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR A VISIT TO THE FOUR CAMPS. HE SAID TELEGRAMS WERE BEING PREPARED FOR THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVT OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD WHO WOULD HANDLE THE VISIT, AND AS SOON AS RESPONSES WERE IN THE EMBASSY TEAM COULD DEPART.

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2. THE SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT REFERRED WARMLY TO HIS CONTACTS WITH US OFFICIALS WHO HAD HELPED SOMALIA IN PAST CRISIS SUCH AS THE 1975 DROUGHT AND APPEALED FOR US SUPPORT IN BOTH REFUGEE RELIEF AND EARLIER RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF HOUSING, HEALTH, AND MEDIUM LEVEL TECHNICAL TRAINING. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT THE US HOUSING AND HEALTH EXPERTS HAD ALREADY VISITED

SOMALIA AND WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN HELPING TO MEET REQUIREMENTS IN THOSE AREAS. KULMYIE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE, AND THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS FOR IT TO CONTINUE.

3. CHARGE REFERRED TO THE VISIT OF AID DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR HAVEN NORTH THIS WEEKEND. KULMIYE SAID HE WOULD BE GLD TO SEE NORTH AND INSTRUCTED PARTY BUREAU FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHIEF, SALEH MOHAMED ALI, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE SESSION, TO ENSURE THAT NORTH WAS ABLE TO SEE WHOEVER AND WHATEVER HE WANTED DURING HIS STAY IN SOMALIA.

4. EMBASSY SEES NO REQUIREMENT FOR FURTHER DELAY IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNCHR REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM. APPRECIATE VERY MUCH DEPT'S AND OTHER ADDRESSEE'S PATIENCE WHILE MATTER OF EMBASSY INSPECTION WAS RESOLVED. HOPEFULLY WE SHALL NOT HAVE TO GO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S CHAMBERS FOR APPROVAL OF EVERY PROPOSED TRIP.

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